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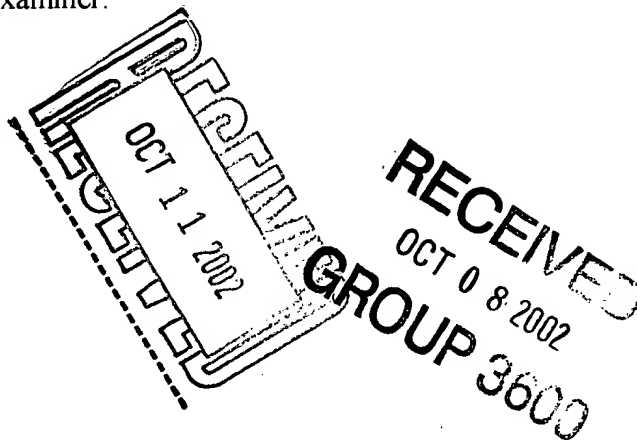
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) Art Unit: 2164

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 filed September 18, 2001, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the International Search Report as listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Search Report is herewith provided.

This supplemental information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as "prior art" against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

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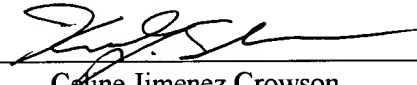
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